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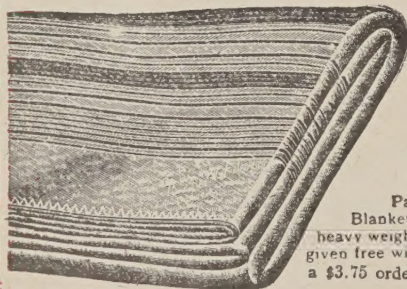
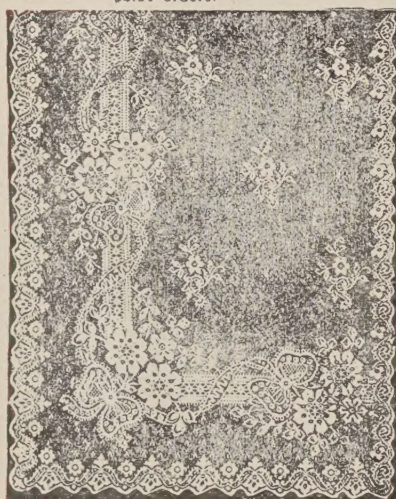
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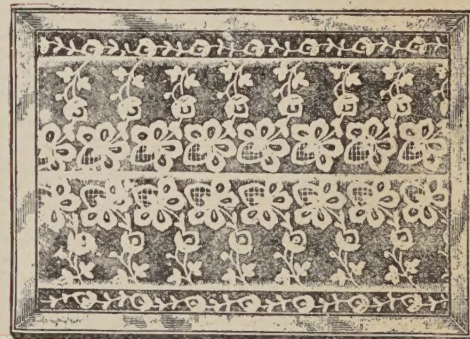
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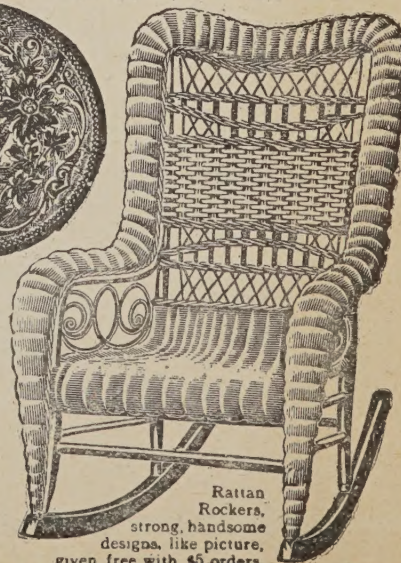


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The Oil of Gladness

A LITTLE SISTER'S LOVE ASSISTS CUPID

BY ARTHUR WILLIAM BEER

IN TWO PARTS

LITTLE NORAH CARLYLE felt herself to be a person of some importance as she boldly forged her way through the Saturday night crowd that surged up and down the pavements of Millville's principal thoroughfare. Had not Grace, her big sister and foster mother, entrusted to her care a whole silver dollar, which said dollar was at that moment tied up in the corner of her handkerchief, the said handkerchief being, as an additional precaution against possible loss, pinned securely in the front of her dress? And did she not carry in her thin little hand a carefully written list of the articles for which that dollar was to be exchanged?

Some of you may smile at the idea of a single dollar being mentioned as a sufficient purchasing medium for a whole list of articles; but though money may not go so far in the present century as in the good old days of our forefathers, I assure you that the dollar which may mean to you only a box of bonbons or a ticket for the matinee, may yet by judicious expenditure be made to cover the purchase price of a gratifying quantity of the absolute necessities of life.

When one is only ten years' old, it is hard to resist the allurements of shop windows; and the brilliantly lighted windows of many of Millville's merchandise emporiums seemed also to hold a fascination for people of larger growth on that Saturday night, judging by the crowds that thronged about them. But although Norah longed to gaze upon the many things that were not to be thought of as attainable at the present time, but which it might be well to take note of with a view to possible purchase when one's ship came in, she had received instructions from Grace not to tarry by the wayside, and being an obedient and loyal little girl, she relentlessly shaped her course for Sherwood's big cash grocery and provision store, where her purchases were to be made.

It was well understood that the time of the arrival of the above mentioned ship in some way depended upon the recovery of sister Grace's sight. The reason for this was not clear to Norah; her idea of the situation was, however, that as Grace would undoubtedly have to superintend the unloading of the vast stock of gold and silver, besides goods of every description, which that precious vessel contained, she would of necessity require a good pair of eyes, so that the ship was being delayed (doubtless adding meanwhile to its rich cargo) until Grace's hoped for restoration to clear vision was attained.

Norah had journeyed safely for several squares, dexterously dodging street cars and express wagons at the various crossings, and was rapidly nearing her goal, when the sound of music reached her ears. She perceived that it issued from a vacant lot on the opposite side of the street. We all have vulnerable points in the joints of our armor of resolution, and music from ancient time has been used as a lure for the unwary. Norah could not resist the appeal of the strains that floated to her through the Saturday night clamor; and promptly forgetting her promise not to loiter, she threaded her way across the crowded roadway in the direction of the free concert.

Upon a rough platform, flooded with the lurid flare of sputtering naphtha torches, two men in black face were strenuously twanging banjos, as though their respective lives depended upon the rapidity with which they manipulated

the strings. A third man, whose face gleamed in pallid whiteness from a background of long black hair, crowned with a wide *sombrero*, sat in an easy attitude at the back of the stage, apparently taking little interest in the proceedings.

Presently, however, the music having been brought to an abrupt termination, he leaped to his feet, and advancing to the platform's very edge, began in strident tones to harangue the crowd, in language fairly bristling with unpronounceable words which, it seemed to Norah, he vanquished without an effort, describing the origin and symptoms of many painful afflictions to which humanity is heir. Pausing, he held an object aloft:

"I have here," he cried, "a positive and sure remedy for the ailments I have mentioned. Balsomo Oil, known to the wise men of olden time as the Oil of Gladness, and rediscovered by me, for internal or external use, will put to flight the demon of disease and restore perfect health to those who have been pronounced incurable by the best physicians. It will cause the lame to walk, the deaf to hear, and the blind to see!"

"The blind to see!"—Norah was all attention at once. Here it seemed was the very thing for sister Grace.

The street fakir waxed eloquent in his description of his marvelous cure-all, and presently announced that, for advertising purposes only, the regular price

of one dollar would be cut to twenty-five cents for that evening.

Down came the men in black face, their arms filled with bottles of Balsomo Oil which they began to hand out to a gullible public in exchange for coin of the realm.

"Only twenty-five cents!" thought Norah, and the man had said that a few applications would positively restore sight to the blind, illustrating the fact by calling a man to the platform who declared that he was unable to see ten feet in front of him, and who after the medicine had been rubbed over his eyes several times, announced that he could now observe plainly everything that was going on! Surely then, it would make Grace's eyes well again. She unpinned the handkerchief and slowly unfastened the knot which held the dollar in place. There would still be seventy-five cents left with which to purchase groceries. As one of the quack's assistants approached her, she tendered him her dollar and a bottle of the oil was thrust into her hand in exchange.

In its eagerness to secure the magic remedy, the crowd surged forward just at that moment, and Norah was rudely pushed aside. Again and again she endeavored to reach the man from whom she had obtained the medicine, in order that she might receive her change, but in each attempt she failed; and presently, bewildered and sick at heart, she ceased her efforts and reluctantly turned her steps in the direction of home.

But children do not yield readily to despair, and the recollection that she still retained the wondrous remedy which was to cure her sister's eyes and so allow that long delayed ship to come to port, revived her drooping spirits. After all, had not the speaker said that the regular price of the Balsomo Oil was a dollar? and, yes, there printed on the wrapper—and there could be no mistake about print!—were the words, "Price one dollar—Beware of Imitations!" With her face lit up by a smile, and clasping the bottle tightly in her hand, she started across the street on her way home to sister Grace and future happiness.

(Continued in August)



"Clasping the bottle tightly in her hand"

Good Things to Know

Sleep, says Dr. Wilhelm Fisher, is easiest and the most refreshing when the head is somewhat lower than the feet. Instead of two pillows, therefore, use only one, and place the other under the feet. This position, says the doctor, is a marvelous cure against all nervous diseases, and also lung diseases, if adopted in time. I would not advise anyone threatened with blood to the head, however, to sleep with the feet higher than the head.

Surgeon General P. M. Rixey of the United States Navy has successfully urged the Government to rehabilitate the Old Fort Lyons, in Colorado, a frontier day army post as a sanitarium for sailors of the navy afflicted with tuberculosis. The recent heavy increase in the number of sailors so affected has made this move necessary.

Instead of wringing cloths out of hot water when needed in sickness, wet them in lukewarm water, spread them on a board and iron with hot flatirons. They can be made hotter than you can wring them.

Trees for Lawn and Street

Tree Planting—How to Select, Plant, Trim, Stake and Care For The Trees

By SAMUEL WALTER

THE "Home Beautiful" of today includes more than mere flower-planting and lawn and garden decoration, surrounding a well kept mansion or cottage. Beautiful home surroundings must necessarily include well shaded, well kept roadways, and adjoining homes evidencing similar interests in civic or suburban improvement.

The subject of tree planting will take the lead, when

room to develop. The small trees you will undoubtedly use look very lonesome when planted at the proper distance apart, but they will grow all the better for having room to grow. I have seen examples of tree planting not even ten or twelve feet apart, with the certainty that after a while the trees would be damaging each other and some would have to be removed. Never less than twenty feet, and preferably more space, should be permitted between trees.

FOURTH. You can assure your property owners that the modern idea is that the city had better own the trees. As your town grows it will be able to provide care for these trees. The best possible work now under way is in New Jersey, where there are tree planting commissions. In this State, if the town elects, trees are planted under the local commissioner purely at the determination of the commission as to variety and character, distance, etc., but at the cost of the abutting property owners.

FIFTH. In respect to varieties of trees, let me suggest a consideration of the

be absolutely restricted if you are to have good trees. If the trees come to you in fair order with a good root system, they will need the cutting off of all mutilated roots and a reasonable shortening in of the upper branches to a symmetrical shape; cutting, in each case, close to bud, smoothly. If they are then planted in large holes, carefully dug, and each tree surrounded by some good soil without any fresh manure, they should live and grow and require no other trimming for many years, save such as is included in rubbing off, as soon as they appear, buds and shoots on the lower part of the stem. Annual trimming, simply for the sake of trimming, is absolutely vicious, and must be prohibited. There is no more necessity for trimming a tree once a year than there is for trimming a person's ears once a year.

EIGHTH. Trees while young must be staked if they are to do well. There are modern tree guards of wire which are good, but they are expensive. If you will plant with the tree a good solid, hard-wood stick, say two by four driving it firmly into the ground after the hole is dug so that it is substantially planted; and will fasten the tree to this by a band of leather, or old hose, or strong soft cloth, which is crossed between the tree and the stake, tacked on the back of the stake, the trees will be well protected while they are re-fastening themselves with a new root stem. Please note that the fastening of the tree to the stake is of the utmost importance, as if it is tightly bound to the stake it will chafe and hurt itself; but if it is held by the strap above described, which is looped around the tree and then crossed before the strap passes around the post, it will be in a sling and cannot damage itself.

On following these eight "good rules" for tree planting one may secure the best results under all conditions; and not only individual homes, but the entire community, may be benefited when there is a leading-spirit in the place wisely enthusiastic on the subject of tree planting.

On the Planting of Trees

"The most beautiful Forest Trees for Hedges, are the English Elm, the Dutch Elm, the Lime Tree and Horn beam; and although I have advised the mixing of these Hedges of Forest Trees with Fruits, yet you must not forget a place for those pleasant and delightful Flowering Shrubs,

considering the most effective and lasting decorative schemes. Without its border of trees well selected and properly cared for, the most beautiful of smooth hard roadways will appear incomplete. Without shading, sheltering, decorative tree growth the most velvety green and flower decked lawn will appear barren and unsatisfactory. An avenue of trees leading from the main roadway to the farmhouse will convert a country lane into a perpetual delight. A uniform growth of evergreen trees will give character to the estate when it is desirable to shelter portions from the public thoroughfares. A lawn drive may be merely decorative and useful when it winds its smooth white curves over a stretch of well kept grass and among beds of brilliant blooming plants but it becomes delightfully alluring and doubly decorative when it is outlined by symmetrical, low growing shade trees. The winding curves, the sharp corners and the cross-roads of country roadways become more than mere short cuts leading most directly from town to town, more than satisfactory thoroughfares when bordered with trees judiciously selected and intelligently planted.

There are several important points to consider in this much-to-be-desired tree planting; and the President of the American Civic Association tells how to get the best results:

FIRST. If you are to plant street trees in your town it should be done with intelligent and careful consideration and not by random. You can find out what trees do best in your neighborhood by investigation. It is always preferable, and very greatly preferable, to use trees that are either indigenous or have been sufficiently tested to make sure that they will be successful. There is nothing to be gained and much to be lost by the introduction of nurserymen's novelties, of trees from other localities that are not sufficiently tested, or of those that are not long-lived and of proper habit for street planting.

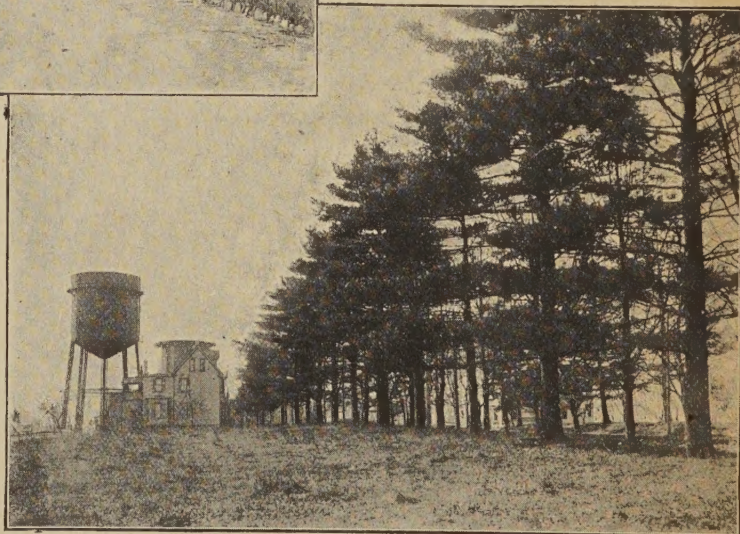
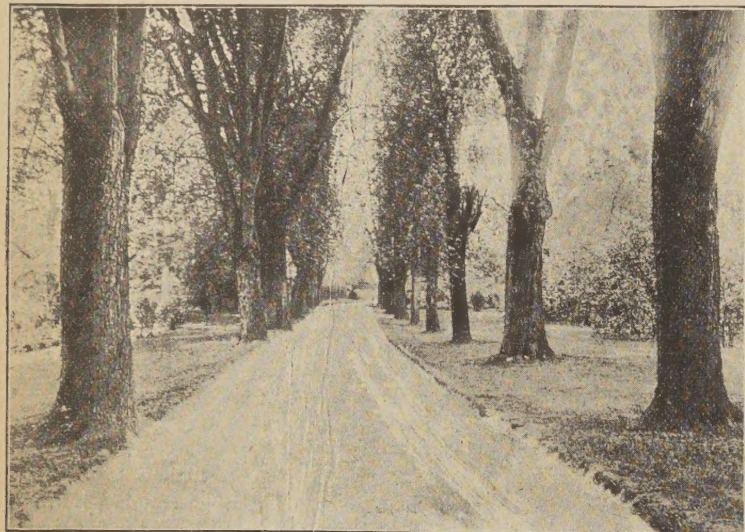
SECOND. The next matter of importance is to see that, if you are to plant whole streets at a time, they are planted all in the same kind of trees, and not hit or miss. Our great national capital, Washington, is a conspicuous example of how well the tree planting can be managed for there are great avenues with pin oaks, and others with sycamores, and others with tulips, and others with elms, but on no street has there been permitted a heterogeneous mixture. Mixing of trees can be likened to the condition that would prevail if a gentleman getting for himself a double-breasted frock coat would alternate the buttons in all different sorts of texture, cloth, glass, bone and the like.

THIRD. It is next important to see that the trees are not planted too closely. Long-lived trees need

American elm, the pin oak, the red oak, the American sycamore, the English sycamore, the tulip tree, the hard or sugar maple, the red maple, possibly the Norway maple, and the sycamore maple. Certainly omit the silver maple and the ash-leaved maple from our consideration. The white ash may be useful and is long-lived. You may have other indigenous trees which approach the ideal form for street trees, which is that of the American elm. If you can by any means plant the largest proportion of elms, do so. I have visited the city of Oswego, New York, where forty or fifty years ago a general tree planting movement was undertaken and all the streets were planted wisely with elms. The effect is now of the utmost beauty.

SIXTH. You need to have ordinances to take the control of these trees out of the hands of the property owners and to place it in the hands of an unpaid City Commission which would include some with expert knowledge. Surely you can find some public-spirited men and women to serve in this capacity. As to protecting the trees from boys, the best possible way is to teach the boys to love the trees by showing them pictures of good trees in your schools and giving them information about trees. There ought to be and usually is no difficulty whatever in securing the enthusiastic assistance of the boys.

SEVENTH. As to the trimming proposition, it must



the White Jessamine, Honey Suckle and the Sweet Briar."—Batty Langley, 1728.

"It would also be very proper to plant some Groves of Evergreens, that may afford the pleasure of seeing a Wood always verdant in Winter, when the other trees and plants are deprived of their ornaments and also to plant some squares of them to be a diversity from the other Woods."—Phillip Miller, 1724.

"To raise a chestnut on the mountain, or a palm on the plain, which may afford shade, shelter and fruit for generations yet unborn, and which if they have once fixed their roots, require no culture, is better than to raise annual flowers in a garden which must be watered daily, and which a cold wind may chill or a too ardent sunshine may dry."—Sir Humphrey Davy, 1778—1829.

THE STARS AND STRIPES

By ELIZABETH GALLAHER LEVY

THE first record of the thirteen Stripes being used upon an "American banner" was in 1775—when a standard was presented to the Philadelphia Troops of Light-Horse. Two years later June 14th 1777 the American Congress resolved "that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Some historians claim that the device of stripes was obtained from the Dutch, or the idea originated from the stripes worn on the coats of the Continental Soldiers. It is scarcely probable that it will ever really be known where or how the stripes were first suggested, as long years have passed since their adoption, and after much research no light has been thrown upon this important matter. It is very reasonable to suppose that the stars and stripes which are upon George Washington's own escutcheon first gave the idea, and this is the most accepted theory. Some writer has said, "Our fathers choose the stars and stripes,—the red telling of the blood shed by them for their country, the blue of the heavens and their protection; and the stars of the separate states embodied in one Nationality; 'e Pluribus Unum'."

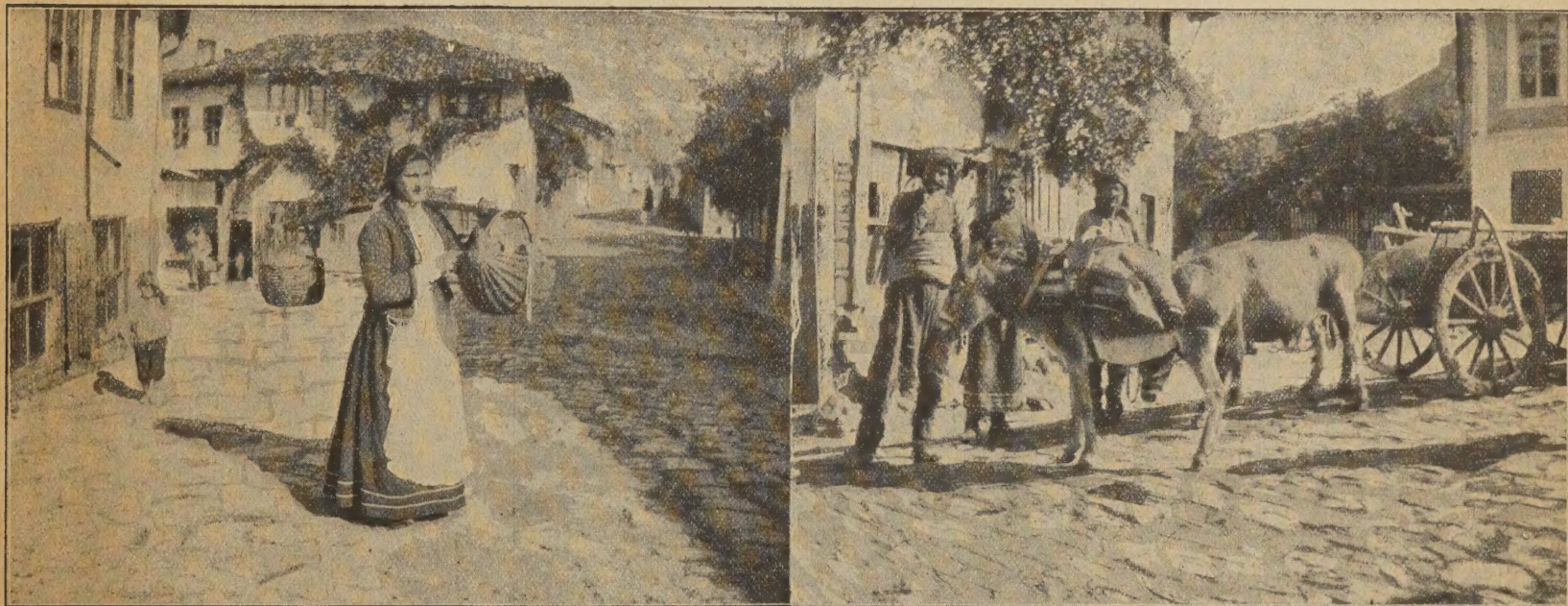
It is related that the little baptismal robe of George Washington is made of white silk lined with red and trimmed with blue ribbon—so no wonder these were favorite colors of the "father of his country!" It is interesting to note the evolution of the flag from the personal arms of George Washington, to the first flag with its thirteen red and white stripes and its thirteen stars, then the flag of fifteen red and white stripes and fifteen stars down to our present flag, with thirteen red and white stripes and forty-five stars representing the fact that "old Glory" floats over forty-five states of the Union.

It was on Sept. 12, 1814 that the British attacked Fort McHenry and at this time a flag waved over the Fort which was destined to become second only in importance to the one made by Betsy Ross. The order for a new Flag was given by Commodore Barney and to Mrs. John Pickersgill of Baltimore, being well skilled in needlework was entrusted the task. This flag contained fifteen stars and fifteen stripes, and was so large that it had to be made in sections—it was this flag which immortalized Francis Scott Key. Whilst held as a prisoner on a British ship he witnessed the attack on Baltimore, and his heart fired with patriotism. He composed our National Anthem "The Star

Spangled Banner." Several fragments of this flag are to be seen in the Maryland Historical Rooms, the original flag being in possession of a gentleman in New York having been bequeathed from one generation to another.

Betsy Ross of Philadelphia claimed the honor of making and "being the partial designer" of the first flag combining the stars and stripes. General Washington in 1776 called upon her with a Committee of Congress, and requested her to make the flag, they had a rough drawing containing the stars with six points, she objected to this, and changed it to those having only five points and this is the first "Star Spangled Banner" that ever waved.

A worthy custom has in recent years been introduced into the Public Schools, June 14th being observed as Flag Day, at which time appropriate exercises are held commemorating the birth of the American Flag. At one time there was a great tendency to use the flag for advertising and other unworthy purposes, but to the Daughters of the American Revolution belongs the honor of having first aroused public sentiment against its desecration. All honor to our beloved flag! "Long may it wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."



FLOWERS IN FAR TIRNOVA

By PHILIP KOCH

AWAY down in the far south of Europe, off from even the least beaten of tourist paths, there snuggles close to the sheltering mountains, a miniature Eden, Tirnova. Centuries ago when Bulgaria was an empire and a great one, Tirnova was for a period the capital. But those days have long since passed away, and Tirnova has fallen from former grandeur, to a simple little hamlet, red-roofed, white-walled, pink-walled, blue-walled red-walled, that shimmers as might a rainbow in the sunlight as one enters by the train.

Tirnova is picturesque in a dozen ways, none, however more so than for its flowers. Tirnova is no exception to Bulgarian cities it has no great gardens, but the flower lovers have brought the plants close to their daily tasks.

The houses, unlike most Balkan homes rise to the dignity of three stories. The ground floor is cellar and entry. On the second and third one lives. There, at each window, is a balcony, an iron one, much the sort that one sees in city tenements in the East. Out on these balconies the women of Tirnova sit, with their distaff or their spindle, singing a low lullaby, as they ply the hemp. And to screen them from the passing mule train or to cut off the warm sun beams, or simply, to add beauty to their bower, there are plants and flowers. In one corner a pomegranate blossoms scarlet, while its fruit ripens and is plucked

at intervals in the work. The pomegranate is the apple of the Balkans, one eats them the year around. Then, too, there may be a fig tree, it too, is laden. But beauty comes not so much from these as from a grape vine growing out of a low pot in one corner, beneath the worker's chair, and set to twining in and out among the bars of the rail, until these decked, its end suspends and is caught by the breeze and carried wallwards.

Farther south in Bulgaria they make other use of the grape vine. There, in the little villages, second stories of the homes project as they do in old Nuremberg and so a lattice is thrown across from house to house and over this twine the grape vines. Cool and pleasant there, in the hottest days, one may pluck the ruby pendant bunches as he rides through on his mule.

But to return to Tirnova. Of course the flowers are assisted by the other architectural devices of color-loving Tirnova. The houses are narrow and tall and of all manner of contours. As they rise, in tiers, on the slope of the hill, while the streets zigzag up between them. In fact dwellings stand on one side of the street only, be this upper or lower according as the next one stands.

Up in the center of the second floor facade a glass door replaces the windows. This admits to a balcony often larger than the rest, and on this bloom the oleanders. There invariably is a seat, and there, while

some rustic Romeo plays his shepherd's pipe below Juliet sits and tosses him a pomegranate. Now and then such a balcony will be completely embowered with grape vines, and the effect is beyond description. Again of course it may be put to more utilitarian purposes, and onions are drying out on it, in long, typically Balkan strings, but, then this variety only adds to the general beauty.

We of the west have only latterly come to acknowledge roof gardens. Here in Tirnova they have existed for centuries. Every house top is a garden and there the people sit among their plants. They are flower lovers beyond all else.

Even at the door step, the door step leading either into the shop, or the basement, which occupies this lower floor, you meet plants, the "Jew geranium" frequently. When you get up on the heights where the wealthy live, you may find genuine gardens. There, however, the houses are set sidewise to the streets, in order to face into these gardens. And so one passes first house, and then yard, and there is no "front lawn" at all.

Such, however, is Tirnova. Beautiful, picturesque, delightful. Why its neglect by the tourist throngs is unknown,—it is easy of access, and hospitable withal. Perhaps it is the love of the flowers that has made the people so genial. There are certainly enough of them everywhere to do so.



Beautiful and Desirable Garden Lilies

By Florence Beckwith

COMBINING as they do stateliness of growth, elegance of form and variety of coloring, the different species of lilies are matchless among hardy garden plants, and when to these desirable qualities is added exquisite fragrance, certainly nothing more could be wished for. They are equally at home in the gardens of the wealthy and the humble door-yards of those not favored with an over-abundance of this world's goods, and there is no spot which they do not adorn.

Lilies in general are not difficult of cultivation, and the only wonder is that at least one clump is not found in every garden. The variety among them is so great that every taste can be gratified, and as some species come into blossom early and others late a succession of bloom can be obtained for several weeks.

A very effective way of planting lilies is among tall-growing, hardy perennials, or in front of a shrubbery border. In this way they are given a partial shade and are also protected from the cold winds of early spring. The foliage of the shrubbery serves to set off the bright coloring of some varieties, and the delicate purity of others is shown to the best advantage with such a background. They should not, however, be planted under trees, for the roots of the latter will absorb the nutriment of the soil and also keep the moisture from the lilies which will consequently suffer. If it is desired to devote a bed to them, early flowering bulbs, like hyacinths, tulips, scillas and crocuses can be planted among the lilies, and the seeds of low-growing annuals, such as pansies, mignonette, portulaca, alyssum and candytuft can be sown.

The best time for planting lilies is in the fall, with the exception of *Lilium candidum*, which should be planted in August, if possible, or very early in September.

Lily bulbs being mostly composed of fleshy scales, wither when exposed to the air, consequently it is best to have the ground thoroughly prepared and ready for planting when the bulbs are received. The ground should be spaded at least two feet deep and special care should be taken with regard to the drainage, for lilies will not flourish if water stands around the bulbs. With the exception of *candidum*, most lilies do best in a soil both light and deep; peat mixed with loam and leaf mold is said to be particularly good for them. *Lilium candidum* does best in a rather heavy soil. No fresh manure should come into contact with the bulbs, old, well-rotted manure thoroughly incorporated with the soil does not seem to be injurious, though some favor using it only as a mulch, the rain carrying the fertilizing ingredients down to the roots. In planting, a layer of pure sand should surround the bulbs.

As a rule lilies should be set deep. If planted too near the surface the freezing and thawing of the ground in early spring will throw the bulbs out, and the drouths of summer will injure them. In some species, too, roots are formed above the bulbs, and it is necessary that these be sufficiently covered with soil. The best authorities recommend planting the bulbs from six to twelve inches deep, according to the size of the bulb and the character of the soil. They should be planted deeper in light soil than in heavy clay.

In winter lilies should be covered with a coating of leaves or coarse manure, which can be dug into the ground in the spring. As they do not start early, there need be no haste about uncovering them. In summer a mulching of grass clippings is very beneficial. When the buds are large enough to be seen, a plentiful supply of water should be given, and a mulching of rotten manure will greatly assist in the full development of the flowers. After the plants have bloomed, the flowering head can be cut off, and as the stalk gradually dies it can be removed, but do

not cut entirely away while it is still green for it assists in perfecting the new-forming bulbs and bulb-lets.

The universal favorite among lilies is *Lilium candidum*. Its spotless, glistening, pure-white blossoms have caused it to be called the Madonna lily, and it has from the earliest times been specially used in the decoration of churches, particularly at the Feast of the Visitation, early in July. Its golden-tipped stamens contrast beautifully with the snow-white chalice, and its exquisite fragrance lends still another charm to this matchless flower.

The bulbs of *Lilium candidum* should be ordered in July. You will probably not receive them until August, but they should be ordered early and planted immediately on reception. The leaves start soon after planting and remain green all winter. An application of coarse manure should be made around the plants,

years and then disappearing utterly, but when one does succeed the glorious blossoms repay for many disappointments. It is claimed that the bulbs raised on our Pacific coast are more reliable than the imported ones, and if such is the case this beautiful species will undoubtedly grow in popularity. The illustration given in the March number of *Vick's* certainly shows that this lily attains a wonderful growth in the state of Washington. The auratum usually grows from four to six feet in height, and should always be supported. It shows to fine advantage and does well when planted among rhododendrons. The bulbs should be planted twelve inches deep and mulched both winter and summer. It comes into bloom about the middle of July.

Auratum platyphyllum is a new variety which is highly praised, but it has not yet been long enough in cultivation that one can be absolutely sure of its merits. If it will live up to its present reputation, it will surely be a valuable acquisition.

The old-time gardens always had a clump of Tiger lilies (*Lilium tigrinum*) whose hardiness, freedom of bloom and gay coloring made them prime favorites, and they are deserving of cultivation now-a-days for these same good qualities. The densely spotted, bright orange red blossoms show off finely against a background of shrubbery. *Tigrinum splendens* and the double variety are considered improvements on the original type, but the common old-fashioned sort is not by any means to be despised, especially when grown in clumps. *Tigrinum* and its varieties will grow in almost any soil and location, but the size of the blossoms will be increased if the ground is rich and plenty of water supplied in summer. The single varieties blossom about the first of August, the double ones about the 15th of that month.

The varieties of *Lilium speciosum*, or the Lancifolium lilies, are exceedingly popular, being easy of cultivation and producing large blossoms of delicate beauty on strong stems. *Lilium speciosum rubrum* is an especially fine lily. Its waxy, recurved petals are rose color edged with white, and a line of pale green extends half way up the center of each. Spots of a deeper rose color are scattered over the petals. The whole flower is exceedingly delicate in appearance, and quite defies adequate description. All the varieties of *speciosum* are very pretty and deserving of cultivation. They blossom about the middle of August.

Lilium tenuifolium is a very charming little lily. It is of slender habit, grows from eighteen inches to two feet high and has bright green, grass-like leaves. The blossoms are of the reflexed Martagon type, in color a bright vermilion scarlet, nodding gracefully, and from ten to twenty blossoms are borne on a stem. It blooms the middle of June. The bulbs are small but require deep planting. It is very showy when planted in masses and is easy of cultivation.

Lilium Canadense, one of our native lilies, is well worthy of cultivation, though I am sure it can never look prettier in the garden than it does when growing by the side of a brook, or on the edge of a dark wood surrounded by ferns. The nodding blossoms are very gracefully poised on the stem. In color they vary from yellow to bright red, with reflexed petals and numerous dark spots. It does well in the shade but requires deep planting. It blooms about the 10th of July.

Lilium Philadelphicum is another of our native lilies. It takes kindly to cultivation and is perfectly hardy. The blossoms are orange red in color with brownish or purplish spots at the base of the petals. The flowers are borne singly and upright on the stem. It is not as graceful as *Canadense*, but is bright and cheerful and repays cultivation. It blooms about the 10th of July.



A Border of Lilies

but the leaves should not be covered, unless, possibly, with a little straw through which the air can circulate, or a few evergreen boughs. *Lilium candidum* does not like to be disturbed, and will grow and blossom year after year in the same place. Old-time gardens used always to have a fine clump of them, which, when the sun shone on the blossoms made an almost dazzling display. *Candidum* blooms about the first of July, in this latitude.

Lilium Japonicum longiflorum has beautiful pure-white, trumpet-shaped flowers from five to seven inches long. These are sometimes borne in pairs but usually singly. The blossoms are very fragrant and it is a very satisfactory species for general cultivation. It is from fifteen to eighteen inches high and blooms about the 20th of July. It likes a warm, rather sandy soil and should be mulched in winter.

Lilium auratum has been called the "Queen of Lilies," and it is indeed a magnificent species. The flowers are from ten to twelve inches in diameter with white petals thickly spotted with deep red and a gold band running lengthwise through each one. The chocolate-colored anthers and red-tipped pistil lend distinction to the blossoms. The auratums are a little treacherous, sometimes doing well for a couple of

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CHAPTER XXI

THE FOOT RACE

THE SATURDAY afternoon following the dinner at the Horton's and Lord Avondale's departure, several ranchmen, cattlemen, and townspeople were seated on the veranda of the hotel. They had been discussing local politics and venturing opinions as to the probable result of the coming election.

"Say, what you fellers talkin' 'bout anyway?" asked Judge Lynn, coming upon the veranda.

"What's we all talkin' 'bout?" said Dan Spencer, glad to turn the conversation, "why, we's jist talkin' 'bout hoss-racin', foot-racin', an' 'lections, wonderin' who'd git the offices, an' generally stampedin' our brains 'round a whole lot. B'lieve you used to be a foot-racer, didn't you, Judge? Can you run now?"

"Can I run? Well, I should say I could. Why, look 'ere, Dan Spencer, jist you write to Ed Reimond back in Indiana, and ask him 'bout the greatest foot-race ever pulled off on the banks of the Wabash. Course I hain't run for many a year. I know how, though, bet yer life I do. Why, what's the matter with you anyway, Dan? Maybe you don't believe I used to be a record breaker? Who can beat me? You say Bill Mounce can? Not on yer life. Mounce, you can't touch one side o' me on a foot-race—no, sirree."

"No use gettin' hostile, but I jist heerd him say he could," rejoined Dan, grinning aggravatingly.

"Look 'ere, Dan," said the judge, with evident irritation, "our friend Mounce here may be a good blacksmith—guess he is—but he hasn't the p'int for good speed. Now, I have, bet yer life I have."

The result of this conversation was a foot-race at four o'clock that afternoon, between the judge and the blacksmith, down in the valley of the Crooked Creek. Bill Mounce was even more unfavorably proportioned for a sprinter than was Lynn. Mounce was short and stocky, and tipped the scales at 225 pounds; Lynn at 175 pounds. There were fully two hundred spectators lined up to see the race. These were divided about evenly between the farmers and cattlemen.

The cowboys began betting on Lynn. Even Dan Spencer "hedged" and then doubled. The farmers picked on Mounce as the winner, and the price for their wheat and barley was accordingly up for all takers.

When all was in readiness, the horse-shoer and the legal servant clasped hands and bent well over, each with an extended foot on the line. At the crack of a revolver away they sped, running side by side, like two ice-wagons drawn by oxen—but stampeded.

It must not be supposed this race was any "ten second" affair. The time-keeper needed no stopwatch. Any old-fashioned clock, with wooden wheels, could have kept track of the seconds that passed in that hundred yard dash. In time the race was ended, however—the blacksmith winning by about two feet. Mounce was greeted with huzzas. Lynn was broken-hearted—got drunk immediately and was hauled home in a farmer's wagon.

This race was but a preliminary to greater things. It was simply a practice run compared with another sprinting contest between Mounce and Lynn, which took place some two weeks later. Judge Lynn sent word to his cowboy backers that he was training nightly, and would put up the race of his life. Now, as the time for the second race drew near, interest became very great, and all the people interested in racing contests were on the tiptoe of expectation.

The place selected for the affair was in the valley, some two miles south of

Meade, on the banks of the Manaroya. Here the sod had been removed and an ideal race-course made. The day came on and was a perfect one. The valley lay like a basin, with its borders yellowed with countless sunflowers. Not less than two thousand people were present to witness the greatly advertised race. The interest may have been somewhat farcical for, it could be little more than a "fat man's race."

Lynn himself had arrived early and had gone over the track carefully, surveying every inch of it with all the critical acumen of a veteran in the business.

He was silent, even stoical, and this unnatural phase gave him an unusually wise appearance.

Seaton Cornwall, an Englishman loved by everybody who knew him, had been selected judge of the race. When all was apparently in readiness for the dash, some of the cowboys called Judge Lynn to one side for a conference. To the great throngs of spectators it was evident that the cattlemen had some special instructions for the judge, and so they had. One wild-looking fellow, Orth Hudson, with leather leggings, spurs, sombrero, and a brace of revolvers, acted as spokesman. "Judge Lynn," he said, "on the other race, which ye pertendid to run, most of us fellers bet heavy and

were treated to a number not on the program. It was the judge. He stepped out from under his huge cloak, and he underwent, as if by magic, a strange metamorphosis. He was clad in a skin-tight suit of flaming red material, and looked a veritable Mephistopheles. The people saw the grotesqueness of his make-up, and sent up deafening yells.

The blacksmith looked upon his athletic rival and trembled. Judge Lynn had come to win, even if it took blood, or the appearance of it, to encompass his adversary's defeat.

Now, the burly horse-shoer was attired in his usual clothing, save his leathern apron used at the forge had been laid aside. His feet were bare and his trousers rolled up to his knees.

Seaton Cornwall shouted, "Ready!" The contestants lined up. Lynn crouched so low for the start that his round head seemed to be on a line with his knees.

"Ready!" repeated Cornwall, and then a pistol-shot started the men away over the course. Both sides of the track were patrolled by mounted cowboys with drawn revolvers. The rolling ball in red understood the meaning,—his eyes bulged out in awful effort.

At the end of twenty-five yards Lynn was leading Mounce by about seven feet. The muscles of the blacksmith's legs, below the knees, were knotted in terrible tension, and his teeth were clinched. At the end of seventy-five yards he was running nearly abreast with the figure in red. Then the people shouted, each to his favorite, "Lay to," "Lay to," "Get there,"—but the horse-shoer "laid to" the better and won the race.

Lynn went madly on. Fifty shots were fired in the air. He was headed into the herd of cattle. Presently he stopped and whirled about. A bull, maddened by his fiery red attire, accepted the challenge like a Spanish bovine, and rushed toward him with fire in his eyes. The judge yelled in terror, and bounded away, running as he had never run before. The bull was not a half dozen feet behind him, lunging in mad leaps, and bellowing a hoarse roar, while his sharp horns were almost scraping the earth.

The cowboys plunged their spurs deep into their ponies' sides and galloped frantically to the rescue. They came alongside of the maddened bull and, quick as a flash, a score of bullets were buried in the bull's heart, and he fell to the earth in the throes of sudden death.

It was all over in an instant, and then Lynn, shouted, "Say, maybe you fellers think I was throwin' that race with the bull, but I wasn't. No, sirree. I was jist doing my level best and don't you forget it."

So ended the much talked of foot-race,—a contest that forever silenced Judge Lynn from talking of great sprinting exploits on the banks of the Wabash—or anywhere else.

CHAPTER XXII

THE ELECTION

The Tuesday following the incident of the foot-race was election day. The *Patriot* prophesied that, out of the three thousand probable votes cast in the country, fully sixteen hundred would be for the Populist ticket.

In private conversation Major Hampton confessed to Hugh that he really had no idea how the election would go. "You see, Stanton," said he, "I am not a politician, although many believe me to be one. Politics with me is only a means to an end."

They were in Hugh's room at the hotel when this conversation occurred. Hugh noticed that the lines in his old friend's face would deepen at times like veritable hillside gullies. Then, again, when he approached his one absorbing altruistic idea of helping the poor, lifting up the suffering and benefiting man-

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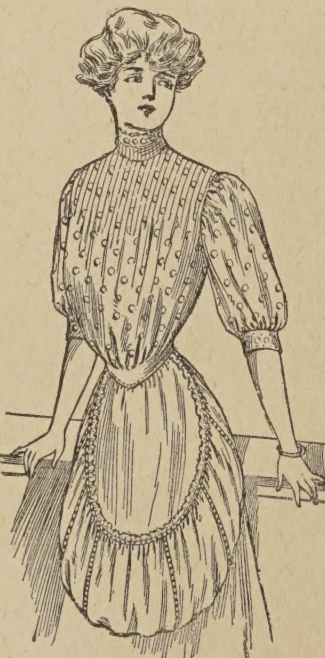
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A Charming Dress in Over Blouse Style

There is something wonderfully graceful and becoming in the modish over-blouse effects and artists tell us that it is the youth-giving qualities of the style. A chic model is shown in embroidered pongee and the home dressmaker will appreciate its possibilities. The waist portion is shirred on the shoulders front and back, and the underarm portions are open so as to show the blouse worn beneath. The deep V neck proves most pleasing when a dainty lingerie or lace blouse is worn beneath the sleeves of the latter being attractively completed by the sleeve caps of the over-blouse. Such an accessory may be donned with any skirt and worn over any blouse. The skirt is a simple one laid in tucks at the top and finished in any length desired. It may be developed in any of the new cloths, voiles, or linens and will not be found difficult to make. In the medium size the over-blouse calls for 5/8 yards of 44-inch material and the skirt 5 1/2 yards. Two Patterns: 6889-6 sizes 32 to 42 inches bust measure. 6890-7 sizes, 20 to 32 inches waist.



Pattern No. 6900

A Novel Sewing or Mending Apron

The busy housewife is always glad of new ideas for aprons—those most useful of her home necessities—and one which is unique in style and very useful is shown. The lower and side edges are finished with a full gathered pocket, ample enough to hold her work and utensils and yet altogether adorning. This pocket is shirred at the top and lower edge and finished with a narrow insertion or beading run with ribbon. The apron is gathered a bit at the belt and fastened with broad tie strings in back. For a darning apron, a stout material is best, cretonne or percale being suggested. 2 yards of 36-inch material are needed. 6900—one size.

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An Excellent Pattern for a Sun Bonnet

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Pattern No. 6918

An Excellent Model for A Chemise

Few girls or women who make their own shirt-waists do not also take pleasure in fashioning their under-apparel and a pattern for a chemise is given today which is recommended because of its simplicity and good cut. The style is that most popular with women generally and requires no knowledge of dress-making to realize satisfactorily. The front and back are easily laid and gathered to a narrow band at the upper edge where some ribbon-run beading or insertion gives a pretty finish. A lawn, nainsook or handkerchief linen may serve as material 3 1/2 yards 28 inches wide being needed for the medium size. 6918—8 sizes 32 to 46 inches bust measure.



Pattern No. 4191

A Most Fetching Gown for a Miss

Mistresses Fashion is creating some most attractive frocks for young girls and one which is especially pleasing is sketched. The waist is built on over-blouse style with Mandarin sleevebands and narrow tucks on the shoulder in front to provide plenty of fullness. A guimpe extending to the waistline goes with this and may be made of any sheer or washable material. The skirt is one of the graceful double ones, consisting of a straight full upper part and a straight flounce joined to it underneath. A deep tuck near the hem of the flounce assists the flare and gives body to a thin material. The sleeves of this guimpe may be long or finished just below the elbow as shown. The dress may be developed in any of the light cloths, challis, silk, pongee or dimity or mull, the trimming bands being of all-over embroidery edged with a narrow lace. The medium size requires 4 1/2 yards of 44-inch material for the dress and 2 yards of 36-inch material for the guimpe. 4191—sizes, 14, 15, 16, 17 year.



Pattern No. 4210

An Attractive Small Apron

The styles for children's aprons are quite as numerous as for dresses and every mother knows that these protectors are as vital a part of the wardrobe as anything could be. Here is sketched an apron having two box plaits from the neck edge, front and back, retaining the fullness to the waistline and then allowing it to fall free. Sleeve frills may finish the arm-holes and a row of insertion may adorn the neck and lower edges. A swiss, dimity, nainsook or lawn may serve as material, 1 1/2 yards 36 inches wide being needed for the medium size. 4210—sizes, 4, 6, 8, 10 years.

Many of the most fashionable of the hot-weather gowns are made of linen in dark shades. A dark blue linen is used for the gown, which has the waist banded and made with a vest, and the skirt plaited and cut in seven gores. Lawn tucking in white or pale tan is used for the vest and the cuffs. The linen bands which trim the gown may match the tucking or be introduced in a shade darker.



Pattern No. 6862

A Pretty Dressing Sack

There is nothing in the wardrobe which holds so warm a place in feminine affections as the negligee. It is always ready to rest one from tiresome street clothes and requires little time to don in the morning when breakfast is waiting. Its uses and joys are numerous and every woman should have several with the low-priced materials to be had in the shops and the ease with which they may be fashioned. Here is a pretty sack having tucks in front and a graceful broad collar as adornment. The fulness may fall loose in front or be girdled trimly with ribbons, fastened at the back. It is a style easily developed and well suited to tubbing. Lawn, dainty Swiss, silk or challis might fashion it pleasingly $\frac{3}{4}$ yards of 36-inch material being needed for the medium size. 6862—7 sizes, 32 to 44 inches bust measure.



Pattern No. 6885

A Shirt Waist of Good Taste

The fashioning of shirt blouses has come to be one of the present-day accomplishments for every woman realizes what an immense saving is accomplished when an elaborate blouse is thus completed. Among styles for these waists, a very pretty one is sketched which may prove a happy suggestion for the home sewer. The design is one of unusual quality, the yoke being of novel shape and very dainty. The materials for these waists are chosen from all of the tub fabrics in white and delicate colors, batiste, Swiss and French organdie being popular. For the medium size 3 yards of 47 inch material are needed. A bit of hand embroidery or a few rows of lace on the yoke would render it very dainty and fetching. 6885—6 sizes, 32 to 42 inches bust measure.

The curled coilure is taking an easy lead, its becoming, slightly negligee aspect appealing with much conviction to the large majority. It lends itself to numerous individual disposals and asks imperatively for the assistance of a high Empress comb for its best expression.

The undersleeves and chemisette are by no means passee. Women make these pretty nothings at home, out of scraps of lace and embroidery left from preparing summer gowns or underwear, and they afford variety to costumes which otherwise would be commonplace.

Millines will be more used than ever in the trimmings for hats this Spring and Summer, appearing in folds, rolls, rosettes, ruchings and in every possible way where an effect of airiness is desirable. It is more durable in quality than formerly and retains its soft fluffiness admirably.



Pattern No. 4188

A Box Pleated Dress for a Child

The little dress shown is one of the one-piece pleated styles so universally becoming to children. A variation of the usual style is found in the tucks which simulate a double box pleat in back, all of the pleats being stitched to waist depth and allowed to fall free below. Such a dress is practical for all of the serviceable tub fabrics as the laundering and making are comparatively easy. The neck is finished with a low standing collar of the dress material which avoids the necessity of frequently changing a linen one. A belt of leather or the same material may girdle the frock in long-waisted manner. For the medium size $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of 44-inch material are needed. 4188—sizes, 1, 2, 3 years.



Pattern No. 4189

A Pretty Use for Embroidered Flouncing

Very dainty and attractive frocks for small maidens are made of the embroidered flouncing and a suggestion for such is given. The waist portion is made of the plain French nainsook with its pointed neck and short puff sleeves edged with a narrow embroidery and felled lace.

The skirt consists of two flounces of the embroidery, gathered at the top and joined to the waist. The dress is built on French lines and is very charming in its long-waisted style. It is suitable to pink or blue chambray or pongee with deep hems for finishing the flounces and the neck completed with a collar. For the medium size 3 yards of 36-inch material are needed. 4189—7 sizes, 3 to 9 years.



Pattern No. 4140

A Fetching Little Cap

Until the small person is several years old, she wears caps of soft silk and mull which are not only cozy but becoming as well. One of silk which may be made at home quite as well as purchased ready-made is sketched and will prove most pleasing for small wearers. The side is gathered on front and back edges and the frill is shirred so as to lie correctly away from the face. Pretty bows of ribbon may trim it at top and sides or a simple edging of pleated ribbon or lace. A surah, pe au de cygne or China Silk may serve while a daintier one may be of chiffon interlined with a silk and flannel. The cap requires $\frac{1}{4}$ yard of 20-inch material in the medium size. 4140—sizes, 1, 3 and 5 years.



Pattern No. 4161

Practical for General Wear

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Wistaria Not Blooming.—Dahlias

1. We have two very large, thrifty-looking Wistaria vines about ten years old. We have lived here two years and they have not flowered. Can you tell me the reason?
2. I have a fine lot of Dahlia roots. In planting should I divide the clusters, or pick off the small toes and plant only the large ones. Please advise me through your magazine, which has been a great help to me.—Mrs. C. S. C., Pa.

1. Wistaria blossoms are borne on the new growth. It is possible that your vines being old do not make much new growth. We would advise trimming back early next spring, before new growth starts, and making the soil rich with fertilizer. Sometimes late frosts kill the flower buds when they are so small as not to be noticeable. Of course blossoms will not be produced if the buds are injured. Examination in the spring will determine whether the buds have been injured in this manner.

2. Dahlia tubers should be separated before planting. Read letter of Mr. Beaulieu in Question Box April number. Small tubers can be planted in some out-of-the-way place until they get large enough to make good plants.

Easter Lily

Will you kindly tell me how to care for a small Easter Lily bulb? A friend gave me a seedling bulb. Is it worth while to bother with it? How long will I have to keep it before it blooms? Will it do to put it in the garden in the summer?—Mrs. M. A., S. D.

It will be rather a tedious process to bring a seedling lily bulb to blooming size. It will probably have to be three or four years old before it will bloom. It should be potted in a rather small pot at first, transferring to a larger size as the bulb increases in size. Any good potting soil will answer if a layer of sand is placed around the bulb. The pot can be sunk in the ground in summer in a partially shaded place. Remove to the house early in the fall, before danger of frost.

Will Easter Lily Bloom More Than Once?

Will Easter Lily bulbs bloom more than once? If so, please tell me how to treat them so as to get the blooms. Can they be planted in the ground, and are they at all hardy?—S. C. R., Minn.

Easter Lilies are considered practically worthless after flowering. They may possibly flower if forced a second season, but the attempt can be only advised as an experiment. They may be planted in the garden and possibly afford a few flowers, if well protected. It is doubtful if they would stand the severe winters of Minnesota, however. If they are to be planted outside, the bulbs should be ripened up in the pots by gradually withholding water. Should you try the experiment, we should be glad to hear about results.

Crab Cactus.—Begonias

1. Your April number shows a picture of a Crab or Lobster Cactus. I have such a Cactus but I cannot make it bloom. Mine is two years old but has not grown very large; the leaves drop off. I have done everything that people tell me who have this kind of Cactus, but it will not bloom. How shall I treat it?
2. Begonias are another kind of plant with which I do not succeed. I simply cannot make them grow. I think there must be something about them which I do not understand. With other plants I have very good success.—Mrs. C. M., New York.

1. If the leaves drop from your Crab Cactus you are probably keeping it too wet. It should have a light and moderately rich soil, with particularly good drainage. The plants produce their blossoms in winter and make their growth in summer, so they should not be allowed to go dry during the latter season. In the fall they should not be given quite as much water as in the summer, for the new growth needs to become hardened. In early winter the supply of water can be increased, especially after the buds begin to show. After blooming they should be watered much less.

2. There are four different sections of Begonias, each requiring slightly different treatment. As you do not give the names of any of the varieties which

you have tried, we can scarcely prescribe any mode of treatment. On page nine of the February number of Vick's are some general directions for the cultivation of Begonias which may be of assistance to you.

Treatment of Cyclamen After Blooming

Will you kindly tell me how to treat my Cyclamen after blooming? Shall I transplant into larger pot, and if so when is the best time to do it, and what kind of soil should I have? Shall I cover the entire bulb with soil? My plant is a very fine one and I am anxious to treat it properly for next winter's bloom.—Mrs. F. F. H., Utah.

Cyclamens should not be dried off like Hyacinths or Tulips. After blooming they should be given a little plant food occasionally, to help the development for next season's blooming, and a moderate supply of water. The pots can be set outside when the weather becomes warm. In July shake off the old soil and repot. If well-drained, the Cyclamen is not so very particular as to soil; a good loam with well-rotted cow or horse manure and sand makes a good mixture. In planting keep the top of the bulb about even with or a little above the surface of the soil. With the watering and growth the bulb will soon elevate itself to the surface. The pot can be sunk in the ground in a place where the plant will get plenty of light and air, but it must never be allowed to become dried out. Remove to the house before danger of frost. Keep in a temperature of about fifty degrees and give plenty of light.

Asparagus Plumosus Nanus

What is the proper treatment for Asparagus plumosus nanus?—Miss K. E. B., California.

A good soil for this Asparagus is composed of two-thirds loam and one-third well-decayed manure. A tablespoonful of bonedust may be mixed with the soil of a six-inch pot. Put plenty of drainage in the bottom of the pot. Charcoal is good for this purpose. After potting the plant water it well and when well established give a weekly dose of liquid manure or some good plant food. It is best to induce vigorous growth during summer and toward winter reduce the supply of water and leave off the fertilizer. Spray frequently both summer and winter to keep the foliage clean and to discourage the red spider.

Insects on Asparagus Plumosus

Enclosed please find a branch of my Asparagus plant. Please tell me what kind of insects are those on it and what to do for them. I have tried everything I know of but without any effect. I also cut off all the branches that had any insects on, but the new ones are covered and the plant is dying as fast as it can.—Mrs. H. W. K., Mich.

Your plant is very badly infested with the scale insect. I would advise cutting back the old fronds severely, washing the plant thoroughly with a strong solution of whale-oil or kerosene oil soap, applying it with an old toothbrush. Afterward rinse well with clear water. If this does not destroy the insects, try kerosene emulsion, being sure to rinse the plant well with clear water after the application.

Cobea Scandens

Will a vine of Cobea scandens raised from seed in the spring live out doors through the winter? I have a fine vine which I would like to save if possible. If not hardy could it be protected in some way?—E. R. H., Mich.

The Cobea scandens is really an annual and it will not live out doors over winter, even if protected. But the vine can be cut back in the fall before frosts and the root potted and kept in the house during the winter. In the spring it can be transplanted to the open ground again. We have kept vines in this way several years in succession.

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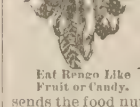
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Strawberry Shortcake (fancy):—Pour one cup of boiling water over two cups of sugar, boil for five minutes, then cool. Beat the yolks of four eggs until thick, add the syrup to them, beating constantly; now add two cups of flour sifted with one and one-half teaspoons of baking powder, a pinch of salt, a tablespoon of lemon juice, and lastly, fold in the whites of the eggs beaten stiff and dry. Spread on two layer cake tins, and bake in a quick oven. When done, remove to warm platter, spread with crushed berries and sugar, with whipped cream on top.

Strawberry Pie:—Line a deep pieplate with rich paste, and bake. Fill with nice ripe berries using plenty sugar; then make a meringue of the whites of two eggs beaten stiff with a tablespoon of sugar, cover the pie with it and brown slightly.

Strawberry Cream Pie:—Line a plate with paste rolled very thin, fill with strawberries, adding sugar to sweeten, and bake quickly. Beat half a pint of thick, sweet cream to a foam, add the beaten yolks of two eggs, and a little sugar, pour over the pie, and serve very cold.

Strawberry Saracen:—Toast some very thin slices of stale bread, butter generously, and line the bottom and side of a dish with them. Fill with strawberries, packed and heaped as full as the dish will hold, sifting sugar plentifully all through and over them, then set the dish in a moderate oven for about half an hour. This is a most delicious desert, served very cold with rich, thick cream.

Strawberry Fritters:—Beat together one cup of sweet milk, one egg, and a table-
spoon of sugar. Into this dip slices of stale sponge cake cut into neat squares. Fry in hot oil, arrange on a hot plate, and heap each fritter with strawberries and sugar. Serve with sweetened cream, either plain or whipped.

Strawberry Sandwiches:—Four eggs, their weight in butter, sugar and flour, a pinch of salt. Beat the butter to a cream, gradually add the sugar and flour, then the well beaten eggs, and beat all together for ten minutes longer. Pour into a shallow pan, and bake for twenty minutes. Let it cool, then spread half the cake with a layer of crushed and sweetened strawberries, place the other half on top, cut into finger pieces, and ice the top and sides of each piece.

Strawberry Tapioca:—Soak one cup of pearled tapioca in a pint of cold water for two hours. Put it over the fire, adding one pint of water and sugar to taste. Cook about thirty minutes, or until clear, then pour while hot over a quart of stemmed strawberries, and set away to cool. Serve with powdered sugar and cream.

Strawberry Cake:—Use any layer cake recipe that is very light and delicate, bake in three layers, and put straw-
berries and whipped cream between the layers and on top.

Strawberry Souffle:—Press a quart of berries through a sieve, add six table-
spoons of sugar and the stiffly beaten whites of six eggs. Mix lightly and bake in a buttered dish for thirty to forty minutes. Serve at once with cream.

Strawberry Fluff:—One and one-fourth cups of strawberries, one cup of sugar, the white of one egg. Put all into a bowl and beat with a wire whisk until stiff enough to hold its shape. Pile lightly on a dish, chill, and surround with macaroons. Serve with whipped cream sweetened and flavored with orange extract.

Strawberry Corn Starch:—Scald one pint of milk. Mix together three table-
spoons of corn starch, a quarter teaspoon of salt, and two tablespoons of sugar,

add cold milk to mix to a thin cream, turn quickly into the hot milk, and stir until thick. Cover, and cook for half an hour. Beat the yolks of three eggs with two tablespoons of sugar and stir into the corn starch, cook and stir until the egg begins to thicken, then stir in lightly the stiffly beaten whites and cook for three minutes longer, flavoring with a few drops of vanilla. Rinse a mold with cold water, and line the bottom with the finest berries, and fill with alternate layers of berries and blanc mange, set aside until icy cold. Serve with whipped cream.

Strawberry Dumplings:—Mix together a pint of flour, a half teaspoon of salt, and one and one-half teaspoons of bak-
ing powder, then rub in two heaping tablespoons of butter. Mix to a soft dough with milk, and roll out half an inch thick. Cut in rounds the size of a saucer; on each lay six or eight berries. Fold over and pinch the edges together. Lay close together in a greased pan and steam for twenty-five minutes. Set in the oven a few moments to slightly dry the tops, then serve with a hard sauce into which has been beaten as many pulped berries as can be added without curdling the sauce.

Strawberry Whipped Cream:—Cover one quart of strawberries with one pound of sugar, mash together, and rub through a sieve. Dissolve one box Knox's gel-
atine in one cup cold water, and set in a place where it will warm gradually. Whip three pints of thick, sweet cream to a froth, pour in the gelatine, and whip, with pan set on ice, until quite firm, then add the strawberry pulp. When firm, fill individual charlottes with it, well piled above the edge.

Strawberry Sherbet:—Crush a quart of fresh, ripe strawberries to a paste, add the juice of one lemon, one tablespoon of orange-flower water, and three pints of water. Let stand three hours, then strain the juice over three-fourths pound of sugar, stir until the sugar is dissolved. Set on ice before serving.

Strawberry Jelly:—Put the berries into a stone jar and stand it in a kettle of tepid water.

Cover the top of the jar and let the water come to a boil and cook for about an hour, or until the berries are quite soft. Put a small quantity at a time into your jelly bag, squeeze out all the juice.

Measure the juice, and to each pint allow one pound of granulated sugar.

Turn the juice into a porcelain-lined kettle, and stand over a brisk fire.

Boil the juice rapidly and contin-
uously for just twenty minutes, then turn in the sugar, stirring rapidly until it is dissolved.

Dip your glasses first into hot water, watch the liquid carefully, and as soon as it begins to boil take it from the fire and fill the glasses.

Be careful to select only firm fruit, as overripe fruit will never make firm jelly. The jelly is improved by a little lemon juice added to that of the fruit.

If after six or eight hours, the jelly is not as firm as you wish it to be, set the glasses in the sun, with bits of window glass over them to keep out the dust and insects.

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Put brandied tissue-paper over the top of each glass when cold and firm, paste a thick paper over it, and keep in a dry place.

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A Serial Story for Our Boys

Patience, Perseverance and Pluck Always Win

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The elder was busily working unloading props at the mine entrance one day when Ben came down to him excitedly: "Say, John," he cried, "a squaw just came down from the big flat and she says she saw some buffalo over beyond the camp. The Indians over the creek are saddling up to go for them. Can't we go?"

"I don't know," said John, excited in turn. "You'll have to ask father. Go on up and see him while I finish this job."

The youngster went off on the run, and in a moment returned. One look at his face was sufficient to show John that he had the desired permission.

The mules were unhitched and turned out for the day. Baldy and Ben's horse were quickly saddled, rifles, belts, and cartridges were slung on, and in a twinkling the two young hunters were off after the biggest game the country afforded.

When they got to the camp they found that most of the bucks had already started, but old "Wolf Voice," a minor chief with whom the boys had made friends, still remained.

"There's Wolf Voice; he'll let us go with him," said John. "Hello, can we go with you?" he shouted to the old man.

"You got good horse? Me go quick," grunted the brave.

"I guess we'll keep up," and Baldy danced as if to show his mettle. In a few minutes they were on their way up the slope to the plateau which surrounded the camping place. Baldy kept up easily with the Indian's pony and Wolf Voice turned after they had covered a mile at a round pace. "Heap good horse," said he.

"Yes," replied John. "He can beat anything around here in a half-mile run. Want to try now?"

The temptation was great, for the pony the chief rode was his best, but the thought of the chase restrained him. "Plenty ride soon," he said.

The level reached, the boys found that the great shaggy beasts were already surrounded, so they took a place in the circle and waited impatiently for a chance at the game.

With a yell the Indians rode towards the dazed animals, who now separated and began to run frantically in all directions. The party of hunters, of whom there were about twenty-five, also split up into little groups, and each party chased a buffalo. One of the animals came towards the boys.

"Get out of his way," yelled John to his brother, "and let him pass between us. Then fire as he goes."

The great lumbering beast came nearer and nearer, and as they watched, ready to spring away in case he should charge them, they noticed that he was being followed far off by an Indian.

"Now shoot," shouted John, as the quarry rushed by. Both rifles rang out, but the buffalo passed on without showing a sign of being hit. Immediately Ben's horse bolted with him, but Baldy stood his ground till his rider urged him after the fleetings game. John held his rifle ready to make a safe shot when opportunity offered. The horse was now gaining rapidly, but hearing the thump of hoofs behind him and then an Indian yelling, he turned his head and saw that Big Hawk, a young brave, was shouting something. He could not hear what it was, however, and paid no attention.

The race continued, and John's whole thought was to get in a good shot. Zip! it was the unmistakable sound of a bullet, and as the boy turned to see from whence it came, zip! another bullet went humming by: the Indian was firing from behind, and the shots were coming unpleasantly close. John drew Baldy to one side just in time to get out of the pathway of another leaden pellet.

This last shot caught the buffalo in the leg, and he lunged forward on his massive head. Big Hawk then rode up and riddled him with bullets.

John was angry clear through.

"The coward," he muttered. "Might have hit me" wasn't his fault he didn't either. Anybody could do up a buffalo from behind. "Fraid I'd get him, I guess. See that?" he added as Ben came up.

Ben was indignant too, and both boys went up to where the young buck was skinning the scarcely dead beast, determined to have their share. The Indian protested against sharing the game, but Wolf Voice happened to come up at this moment, and, with the authority of a chief, soon settled the dispute by giving the boys a fine hind quarter. This they lashed securely with a lariat on Ben's horse. Then both rode off triumphantly on Baldy.

CHAPTER VIII

A CLOSE FINISH

"Boys, you'll have to go and hunt those spare mules tomorrow; they haven't been seen for a week." Thus Mr. Worth greeted the boys as they came shuffling in after a long day of mingled work and play one evening not long after the buffalo hunt.

The following morning the youngsters mounted their horses, after completing their early chores, and started out. "Where shall we go?" asked Ben.

"Let's look among the Indians' ponies; those mules are always following their cayuses around." The plan was no sooner made than executed. They trotted along the edge of the river for several miles, the crisp morning air acting like a tonic on horse and rider. Baldy was too old and dignified to be foolish, but his springy stride, wide-awake look, and quick response to each word of urging betokened his good condition and enjoyment. Ben's horse, a little bunchy cow pony with an occasional wicked streak in him, danced about as if he were worked by electricity and the current was being turned on and off.

The ford reached, the ponies waded in till the boys had to cross their legs in front of the saddles to keep from getting wet.

On the other side they found a bunch of a couple of hundred horses, and as they drew near the herders came charging down on them. They feared horse thieves, but John explained matters, and after a long sign-language talk learned that there were six of the long-eared run-aways tied at the camp. They had been put there for safe keeping, since they had been killing colts and were in danger of being roughly used by the horses in consequence. A grown "pony," though generally smaller, will drive out a mule in short order, and these plucky little animals are never afraid to tackle their vicious antagonists.

The boys went back on the opposite side of the river from which they had come until the camp was reached.

They found the Indian village all agog with excitement, and for a time could not get any of the braves to answer their inquiries about the missing mules. A horse race was to be held, and the usually stoical bucks could for the time being think of nothing else.

The whereabouts of the missing animals was learned before long, however, and an Indian went with them to see that they really belonged to the Worth outfit. On their way they had to pass straight through the village of several hundred tepees, and many were the greetings of "How!" that were shouted to them.

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It is said that the addition of a few drops of vinegar in the water in which eggs are poached will keep the whites from spreading.

An Odd Salad

When other salads are scarce and you are in the country, try using tender chickweed, a few very tender dandelion leaves, house leek or liveforever tops, sorrel, tender purslane or "pusley", two or three rose geranium leaves and nasturtiums, chop all together.

Slice a banana, mix with salad and pour over French dressing or lemon juice. You can garnish with hard boiled eggs if you like.

Try cooking acid apples with evaporated apricots.—I. E. M.

Cooking by Steam

Do you know that many vegetables and meats are much nicer cooked by steam than when boiled?

With a steam cooker, of which there are several different kinds, one can cook a number of articles at one time, and for this reason I like one that has a door to open at one side as one can then put in or take out articles whenever it is necessary, though it is not best to open this door too often, as it cools the steamer and retards cooking to a great extent.

In mine, I usually set a small pan tightly covered, containing the oatmeal for the morrow's breakfast, on the lower shelf and this leaves room for potatoes for the dinner. On the next shelf is a pan containing another vegetable, next above that a pan containing the meat, unless I wish roast or fried meat, and above that on the last shelf the dessert is placed.

No water is added in the pan in which any thing, except the oatmeal, is placed as the steam from the boiling water in the bottom of the cooker supplies sufficient moisture. Indeed the moisture which collects in the pan with the meat will make a most delicious dish of broth for the invalid, when cooled and skimmed, or may be diluted and vegetables added for a fine soup for the family.

In this way a whole meal, except the bread, and I often make dumplings and lay in the meat dish, may be cooked over a single burner of any oil or gasoline stove.

I have even cooked bread, and cake in this way and shortcake for strawberries, as well as all the steamed and boiled

puddings may be cooked in this manner.

The oatmeal should be started directly over the blaze and allowed to boil rapidly for a few minutes before placing it in the steam cooker. Then, for breakfast, set in a pan of boiling water for a while to heat through, without stirring it and no one can tell that it is not freshly cooked except that it is much more delicious.

Fruit put directly into the jars and hot syrup added may be cooked in this way with less trouble than any other. I can put sixteen quart jars in at one time.

All vegetables will cook quite as quickly by steam as in boiling water, as well as meats. Bread and cake will need just a little more time than when cooked in the oven. It is nice to heat the oven just before such things are done and set them in it to brown for a few minutes, but, as it takes two burners to heat the oven it is readily seen that the steamer is much more economical.—E. R. B.

When to Add Flavorings

Add flavoring extracts to a mixture when cold whenever possible.—L. M. R.

For Breakfast Cakes

A delicious addition to corn gems or bread consists of a few stoned and chopped dates or raisins.—L. M. R.

To Keep Sausage All Summer

Make your sausage into small cakes, and fry just as you would for the table. Then pack the cakes in jars, and pour over the gravy.

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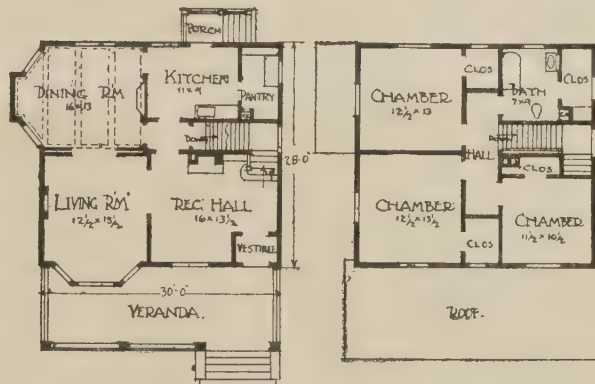


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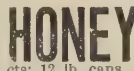
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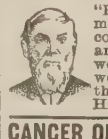


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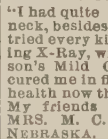
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bets, grooming their horses, and comparing notes. Little redskins darted everywhere in and out between their elders' legs and shouted shrilly to each other. The boys found it hard to go on to attend to their errand, and though neither said anything for a while, they looked appealingly at each other. "If we find the mules belong to us," said John, finally, in answer to Ben's questioning look, "we'll take 'em part way back, tie 'em, and then come here and see the races." So they went on reluctantly, leaving the gesticulating, grunting crowd behind them.

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Nothing had changed; the men still talked excitedly, and on either side of the level space where the horses were to run lay little heaps of personal belongings that had been bet on this or that horse—saddles, blankets, gay bead-embroidered moccasins, and belts, rifles, and cartridges.

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"You got white-faced horse?" he shouted as he came near. "You run race? Me bet you now, me beat you." The grave old buck was almost childish at the prospect of racing a running horse.

Before answering, John looked over the horses that were to compete, and then consulted with his brother. "What do you think?" said he. "Wolf Voice is crazy for a race, and I think Baldy can beat anything here."

"But we haven't any money," said Ben.

"Me bet you pony, you bet um pony," said the Indian, coming up at this instant and speaking as if in answer to Ben's remark.

John would not put up Baldy as a stake for anything in the world, but he took off his saddle. "I'll bet saddle against your ponies," he said, pointing to two horses a boy was leading forward. The old brave demanded more, so John added bridle and silver-mounted bit to the pile; still he was not satisfied, but John refused to give anything more. Wolf Voice haggled and demanded larger stakes on the boy's part and finally pointed to his spurs; these were unbuckled and thrown on the ground, and at last the bargain was completed.

At this juncture Big Hawk joined the group. He was eager to bet against Baldy, but all John's possessions were already pledged. It was a trying situation for the boy, for he wanted to get even with him, and he felt sure that his rose would win. A happy thought struck him.

"Say, Ben," he called out. "Lend me your saddle to put up against Big Hawk's pony. I haven't got anything left." The younger boy was also eager to pay back the young brave for his work at the buffalo hunt, so he complied with this request unhesitatingly.

The wagers arranged, John looked to his horse. Baldy was now without saddle or bridle, but his owner speedily made a hackamore or halter out of a piece of rope and climbed on his back; he had decided to ride bare-back.

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was merely a level, grassy place, stretched out invitingly before them; the Indian spectators formed the boundaries on either side, their usually impassive, dark-red faces working with excitement. At a word from the starter the horses went forward at a trot, then changed to a lope, and were breaking into a run when, a few yards from the scratch, the boy riding Wolf Voice's bay shot out of the line and ahead. Of course they had to be called back, and the boy was sharply reprimanded for spoiling the start.

Then again the horses started and came down to the scratch steadily. At the starter's yell of approval, they sprang ahead with a dash.

After the jolting scramble of the start, John began to plan his race. He pulled his horse out of the bunch and ran on the outside. Baldy and he were about the middle of the string as the fast ones led away. The little bay, which was the old chief's pride, led, running beautifully; at his heels was a big gray, fully holding his own. The distance of half a mile was more than half covered and both bay and gray were ahead of Baldy, who was third and well in advance of the bunch. The crowd was yelling wildly, each man shouting encouragement to his favorite in a way that would make an Eastern baseball "rooter" turn pale with envy.

John lay down closer upon his horse's neck and chirped gently in his ear. There was a perfect understanding between them, and the old steed stretched out his neck a little more, laid his ears hard against the side of his head, and set out to overhaul the leaders, now running nose and nose. Baldy's long stride told, and he gained steadily, but the race was not yet over. If he could get abreast of the two leaders John knew that he could win out on a twenty-foot spurt if need be — he had done it before.

It was but fifty yards from the finish. The two Indian ponies were tiring, but they kept up the pace gamely. The crowd was yelling insanely, uttering threats, encouragements, entreaties in the Indian dialect, which neither John nor Baldy understood; but just at the critical moment a clear, shrill voice rose above the din: "Now, Baldy, hit it up! Get a move on, John!"

Horse and rider braced. John set his lips tighter: they were gaining, gaining perceptibly each second. The two leaders were whipping their ponies spasmodically, but John and Baldy kept their heads. Now Baldy's nose was on a line with the gray's hind quarter, now even with his shoulder, and now all three horses were running as if harnessed in one team. And still he gained. John was becoming excited and raised his quirt. "Come, Baldy, do it!" he cried, and at the same moment brought down the lash on him. The game old horse responded magnificently. A few great jumps and they gained three-quarters of a length. Another instant and they dashed past the finish line. Baldy had won!

John slipped from his back and patted his nose affectionately. "Good work, old chap. I knew you could leave that lot of cayuses behind."

"Hurrah for you, John!" cried Ben as the victors drew near. "Baldy, you're a trump, sure enough."

The boys were soon the center of a circle of red faces, excited, threatening, joyful, or merely interested, according to their bets. All were anxious to race again, but John refused. Realizing that he and Ben would be expected home, he broke through the ring, put his saddle and bridle on one of the horses he had won from Wolf Voice, mounted, and started off, leading the other two and Baldy. Ben managed as best he could with the mules, and so they returned to the mine, the richer by three ponies, several trinkets, moccasins, etc. It was not till a good deal later in life that the boys learned how much better worth while it is to race merely for the sake of the sport itself, and what a surprising amount of trouble a man can bring on himself and other people by forming a habit of betting. At present they unthinkingly followed the examples of the rough men around them.

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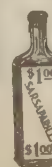
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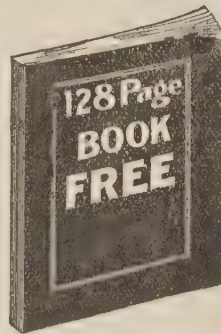
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The friendly feeling between the red and the white boys grew as time went on, and many excursions were taken in company. The Indians told John and Ben things about birds and beasts of which they never dreamed, and showed them games that were a constant delight. They made a kind of combination spear and skate from the curved rib of a buffalo to the end of which were fastened three feathers; the highly polished convex surface offered little resistance to the ice, so the whole could be thrown a long distance on the glassy surface. The Worth boys grew to be very expert throwers of this queer bone skate, and many were the exciting matches they participated in.

Our boys in turn taught their coppery friend some civilized games. Trials of strength and skill were frequent, and in most of them the honors were about even. While the red boys could give points on the art of wrestling, and never lost an opportunity to show their superiority, the Worth youngsters got even by initiating them in the "noble art of self-defence." John put in practice the points given him by Tom Malloy, much to the discomfiture of the Indian boys and the corresponding satisfaction of his teacher and the men of the mining camp.

The new sport did not become popular, however, in the redskins' camp; John was too successful—his opponent was invariably worsted.

And so the days passed, with more work and less play, perhaps, than most boys are accustomed to. Many pleasant evenings, after the day's work was done, were spent by the men telling yarns. John and Ben slipped out often, joined the group, and listened eagerly to the tales that were told. It was on one of these nights that Charley Green told a tale that entirely eclipsed Munchausen; a tale that would never have occurred to a Westerner.

"You know Big Hawk?" he began, looking at the men around him and then out of the corner of his eye at John. "Well, Big Hawk has seen the boys, and especially John, box, and made up his mind that he could do something in that line himself—at least that is my idea of his method of reasoning." He interrupted himself to explain: "He challenged John something in this fashion, 'You heap big fighter,' he said, 'meshow you.'"

The men in the circle began to grin; they were beginning to take in the joke. John and his brother gazed in amazement; all this was new to them.

"Though he is a pretty big chap," Green continued, "the kid didn't seem to be scared; he knew how to put up his hands and the big red duffer was entirely ignorant of fistic tactics. Anyhow the boy called the bluff by responding, 'Well, I don't know, I reckon I can do you up.' Ben was sent for the gloves, those primitive, deerskin-stuffed-with-grass affairs. A space was cleared on the dry grassy river bottom, and the spectators marked the boundaries. The spectators were mostly red," added Green.

"Produce a spectator," shouted a listener.

"Proof, proof, we want proof of this." "Never mind him," exclaimed another; "go on, Charley."

"I'm not making affidavits. I'm simply telling a story," Charley explained. "Big Hawk, knowing it to be a kind of battle, had arrayed himself in full war regalia, which consisted chiefly of a big feathered bonnet and a decorative effect in yellow, red, and green paint."

The group of interested listeners chuckled, but offered no remarks or objection. John and Ben appeared to be dazed.

"Tom Malloy was the referee, and I acted as John's second. Wolf Voice did the same service for Big Hawk."

"When the two stepped into the ring," Green continued, "the tall, paint-decorated, feather-tufted Indian and the short, pink-skinned boy, a smile appeared on the usually grave-faced red men, I said to myself, Is this a Punch and Judy show or a scene from the Inferno come to the surface? 'Time!' sang out Tom Malloy, watch in hand."

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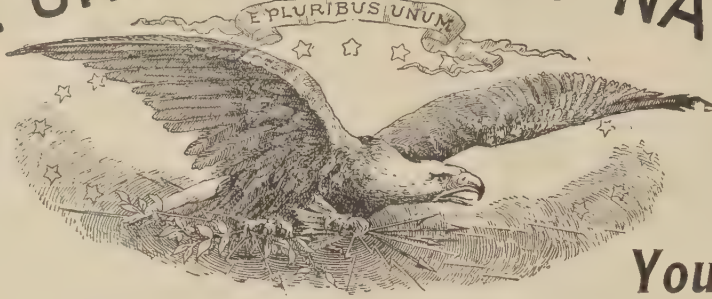
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Cattle Ranch to College

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Green stopped to take breath, then continued:

"The two stepped to the centre, and the red man decided to settle matters at once. A strong right-arm jab followed. John dodged, and the force of the blow nearly jerked the Indian off his feet, and at the same time pulled the war bonnet over his eyes. The boy took advantage of this and thumped Big Hawk on the chest. The Indian cleared his eyes and came at him like a wounded buffalo, head down, hands going like flails; avoiding them, John hit out for the nose and landed square on his beak. The buck tripped and fell on his back and the blood began to flow freely from the bruised member, mingling with the yellow and green paint, forming a very weird design. It was enough, Big Hawk was satisfied and hastened to get off the gloves and bathe his nose at the river's edge."

From time to time during the recital of this tale Green glanced at the boys to see the effect of his absurd story. That they were greatly amused was evident. Cries of "Come off!" "What are you giving us?" and the like followed the conclusion, and Charley Green subsided, congratulating himself on his vivid imagination.

The feeling between the two camps, or rather the younger members of them, was not always friendly, and the boys were glad when their father came back after opening a new mine, told them that he had bought a sheep ranch, and asked them if they wanted to go to work on it. The brothers accepted eagerly, for they were possessed with the restless spirit of the Westerner and were anxious for new scenes and new experiences.

Much had transpired during the long stay at the Yellowstone mine. The railroad, with its busy construction gang and its noisy, short-breathed engine, had reached and passed the little camp and had left behind its steel trail. The tracks were not used for regular traffic as yet, but the little dinky engine went by frequently, dragging flat cars loaded with rails, ties, and other construction material. The boys became great friends of the engineer, and he allowed them to ride with him in the cab of the locomotive occasionally.

It was with real regret, therefore, that one morning, as the iron horse stood near the mine, hissing and grunting in impatience to be off, the boys climbed up the step and into the cab to bid their friend Mr. Jackson good-by.

"What! going to pull up stakes?" he inquired. "I've got three boys about your size back in the East at school, where you ought to be," he added.

"Well," John replied, "mother has talked about school, but father says he's going to teach us to work first."

"Father's great on work," interposed Ben.

In answer to Mr. Jackson's inquiry, John said that they were to start in a day or two and would go alone, driving a buckboard; and that though they did not know the roads the horses had been over it, so with that aid and the description given they would be able to find the way. "Well, so long, boys," said the kindly engineer, after they had shaken hands and thanked him for the many engine rides, "I shall miss you."

"Same here; so long!" called Ben and John in chorus.

The little engine began to cough, the steam puffed and hissed, and in a few minutes it was out of sight around the turn.

A day or two later the boys climbed into the buckboard, and, after bidding a matter-of-fact farewell to all, started off on a journey to a place neither of them had been to before, over a road that was entirely unfamiliar to both.

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"I don't see any sheep," said John, after scanning the country in every direction.

Abe looked up, but held his stubby forefinger pressed firmly on the last word he was deciphering, as if to make sure of its safety.

"Oh, they're twenty-five miles down the creek now," he answered. "We only keep them here in the winter. We'll go there tomorrow; it's too late now."

By the time the ranchman had finished the letter the sun was nearing the mountain crest and the boys' appetites assured them it was time to eat. In the shack a low fire was burning, which blazed cheerfully when John added an armful of dry twigs and brush. While the boy was mending the fire, Abe went to one corner of the cabin and from a tall pole which stood there let down part of a sheep's quarter.

"Why do you keep it up there?" asked Ben, who now noticed it for the first time.

"No flies up there," explained Abe.

"Meat keeps in this climate till it dries if the flies don't get at it."

The boys went out and sat on the doorstep to wait till the meal was cooked, for though they were more tired than they realized, they had the greatest curiosity to see everything connected with this new home.

After sitting silent a while, their heads resting on the door-jamb, their eyes on the crest of the mountain where the sun shone with its last departing glory, John turned toward his brother.

"Those mountains are great. We didn't have— Say, Mr. Miller, what's this?" he asked excitedly, interrupting himself and pointing, first to some bullet-holes in the logs and then at a blood stain on the block below.

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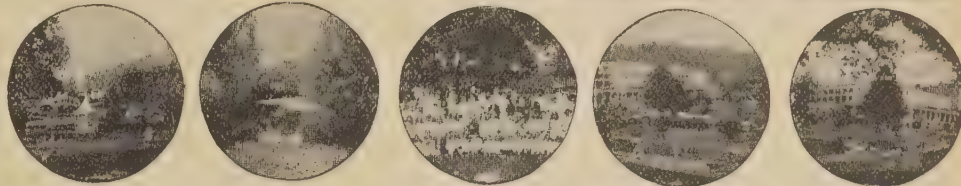
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Buell Hampton

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Election day came, and Democrats, Republicans, and Populists all turned out in force to try to elect their different candidates. Each of the three parties as is usual at election time, claimed that it would elect its own candidates by rousing pluralities. The day after election, when the returns were all in, the astonishing fact was developed that the Democrats and Republicans had divided the elective offices about equally, while the Populists had polled in the entire county only fifty-five votes.

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A few evenings after the election, Bill Kinneman and Dan Spencer and their three committeemen associates met in the old mill to divide their booty. As it was not the regular night for the Barley Hullers' meeting, they had no fear of being molested.

"Say Bill," said one of the committeemen, "did you see the major's editorial?"

"See it," replied Kinneman in a surly tone, "I surely did. Waal, Spencer, speekin' wide-open like," he continued, "it's dang near time we hed thet report made."

"All right," replied he of the wabbling tooth, "All right, boys. You see me an' Bill onbosed ourselves an' whooped it up purty lively an' teched all the candidates as hard as we dared. When we come to the Populist candidates, nary a danged one of 'em would give a cent. You see they thought they had a spechful lead-pipe cinch, anyway, on the Barley Hullers' votes, an' put on superior airs, but that's where they reckoned some porely an' got left, see?" Whereupon all five of these stalwart committeemen laughed immoderately.

"Waal," continued the tooth wabbler, "assoon as the returns of the 'lection wuz in, me an' Bill started out an', bustin' all over with p'liteness, tackled the fellers that was 'lected,—part of 'em Republicans an' part of 'em Democrats. You see we surely held a paper with their names to

it, an' they natch'ally had to cough up the money. So here's a thousan' dollars fur you-alls, in long greens, to dervide up,—two hundred dollars apiece,—not so bad, eh?"

The division was soon made, and the conference broke up. When the other committeemen had gone, and Bill Kinneman and Dan Spencer were alone, Bill said:

"Look 'e 'ere, Dan, you reported a thousan' dollars; how much did you sure 'nuff git, now? Be straight with yer pard, or somethin' will happen. Yer personalty is liable to be scattered over the landscape. I've dun got the drap on you, an' am feelin' plenty hostile."

"Course, Bill," said Dan. "You see I collected sixteen hundred dollars. That leaves me an' you three hundred dollars apiece more."

"Waal, that's more like it, an' certainly prevents a misunderstanding," said Bill. "Course I natch'ally knew you wuz givin' them jays a razzle-dazzle. I wish we could 'a' got along 'thout 'em, but as you an' me git the big end of the boodle, I guess we've got no kick comin'."

Presently they mounted their mustangs and started down the valley toward Meade.

"Say, Dan," said Bill, "can you fur sure keep a secret?"

"Waal, if the court knows herself, I kin."

"Waal, I ain't got no partic'lar use fur thet Stanton feller. If I don't miss my guess, he's snoopin' 'round Major Hampton's ranch."

"What's that to you, Bill?"

"Waal, speakin' wide-open like, it's a mighty sight to me, pard," replied Bill. "I don't intend Marie Hampton shall fall in love with thet highfalutin cuss, even if I's got to scatter his nachalness over the landscape."

"Put 'er thar, Bill," said Dan, "I don't hev to hev a meetin'-house fall on me afore I see which way the wind's a-blowin'. Thet Hugh Stanton is a kind o' soopercilious, high-steppin' chap, an' if he goes to interferin' with you, we'll fix him as easy as rollin' off a log."

"Do you mean it, pardner?"

"I surely do," replied Dan.

"I don't mind," said Kinneman, "sayin' she's the purtiest woman in the hull world, an' I b'live the major 'ill be favorable."

"Course, Bill," said Dan, "I'm married an' hev nothing to say. Oh, I know a purty face when I sees it, an' there ain't nary a one on the range that compares with the major's daughter."

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Soon Dan Spencer was galloping for his dug-out, and Bill Kinneman was heading across the prairie toward Horton's ranch.

CHAPTER XXIII

A FORGED LETTER

Almost a month had passed since Lord Avondale's departure, and yet Hugh had not visited the Grove. One evening he determined to pay the Hortons a visit. His reception was most cordial, and there was more than usual of the old-time animation in Ethel's eyes. He did not declare his love in words, though he felt confident that Ethel read his heart in his flushed face. Thus he procrastinated until the weeks hastened into months, and the springtime of the year had come again.

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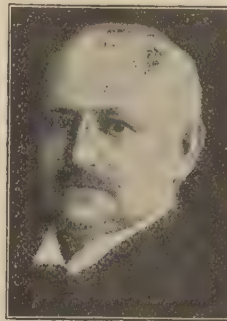
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In the meantime, the winter months were gone, and spring was paying another visit to sunny Kansas.

But still Hugh Stanton had not declared his love to Ethel Horton, nor had Lord Avondale returned to pursue his wooing of the American heiress. Hugh Stanton fancied that he detected a shadow of sorrow in the girl's face, and in her voice; and a fear arose in his heart. Was she grieving because of Lord Avondale's absence? His selfish regard for Ethel was so keen that it caused him much pain.

One afternoon Mrs. J. Bruce-Horton came up from the Grove to see Mrs. Osborn. The stately wife of the cattle king was unusually agitated. She mounted the Osborn steps and rang the bell in a nervous manner.

Soon after, these two friends were seated in Mrs. Osborn's private room, engaged in earnest conversation.

"What shall I do, Lucy? What can I do? What ought I to do under the circumstances?"

"My dear Mrs. Horton," replied her friend, suavely, "do not agitate yourself. It is the easiest thing in the world, I assure you, to arrange this seemingly unfortunate affair."

"Oh, I don't know, Lucy," whether it is easy or not. "No one knows the half a mother endures with a marriageable daughter to look after."

"Oh, fie!" Mrs. Osborn laughed, as she rang for her maid. The door opened, and she ordered a small bottle of Tokay, which was soon set before them. "Now, my dear, drink a glass of wine. It will strengthen your nerves."

"You see, Lucy," said Mrs. Horton, as she sipped her wine nervously, "this is the third letter Doctor Redfield has written. He seems so persistent."

"You have it with you?" asked Mrs. Osborn. "Yes," replied Mrs. Horton, as she took the letter from her bag and handed it to Mrs. Osborn, "I want you to put this with the others. I feel so worked up over this affair; and to think of Lord Avondale's misfortune! How long do you suppose it will be before he can again travel?"

Mrs. Osborn carefully scrutinized the handwriting on the letter. A diplomatic expression came over her beautiful face. "Yes, it is Doctor Redfield's writing," she affirmed, half to herself. "Oh, how long, did you ask, before Lenox dare travel? Perhaps a month. His broken arm—the result of his hunting trip in the mountains—was the least of his sufferings, poor fellow. He will be here as soon as he can safely travel—within a month, I am quite sure."

"I shall be so glad when he returns," sighed Mrs. Horton. Ethel seems much more reconciled of late."

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manner, 'Very well, mamma, I have ceased to care one way or the other. If it pleases you, I presume it ought to be acceptable to me.' She then said something about being tired of life, and then broke down in tears. Of course I consoled her as only a mother can."

"Subdued at last," cried Mrs. Osborn, triumphantly. "We may now hope to see merry old England again. We have outwitted her blonde mustached 'brain-worker.'"

Mrs. Horton seemed to catch the spirit of her friend's confidence. "Yes," she ejaculated, "see England and our many friends; and oh, to think how proud I am, Lucy, that my daughter is to be Lady Avondale."

"You are entitled to much credit for the clever way in which you have managed it," said Mrs. Osborn.

"No, Lucy, you are deserving of the praise in this affair," replied Mrs. Horton. "Indeed I could not have gotten on without you."

"I certainly have done my utmost to serve you," said Mrs. Osborn. "I feel sure you will always be grateful—and Ethel, too, won't she?"

"Indeed, we shall," replied Mrs. Horton, unhesitatingly.

"And I shall always be a welcome guest at Ethel's English home?" Mrs. Osborn went on.

"Always!" replied Mrs. Horton. "Of course you will. Why ask such a question?"

"Oh, I know I shall be, I assure you," she replied, demurely, "but then I wanted to hear you say so. Now there is only one serious phase in our program—Doctor Redfield." She still held his letter addressed to Ethel.

"What would you advise, Lucy? You know so much better than I what is best to be done."

"My dear Mrs. Horton, will you be guided by what I say, entirely?" She was standing near an elegantly carved escritoire as she spoke.

"Entirely, Lucy, I will do as you say," replied Mrs. Horton. Quick as a flash Mrs. Osborn caught up an ivory paper-knife and tore away the envelope.

"Oh, Lucy!" cried Mrs. Horton, excitedly. "Don't! don't—I feel so guilty."

"My dear, there is no turning back," replied the cool and calculating Mrs. Osborn. "A title for Ethel is at stake. We must burn every bridge behind us." Then glancing at the letter, she read aloud:

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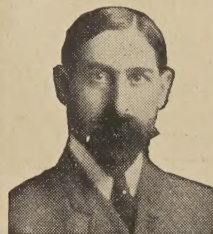
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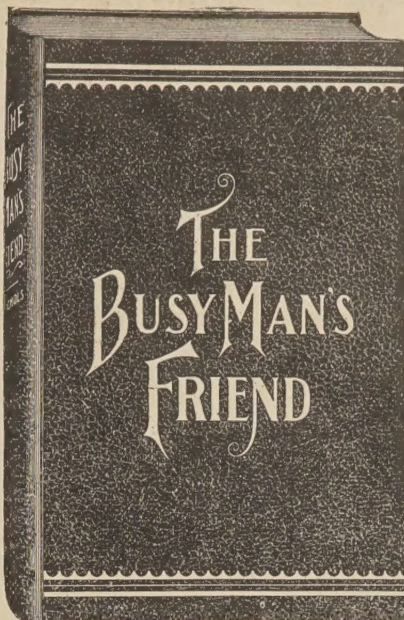
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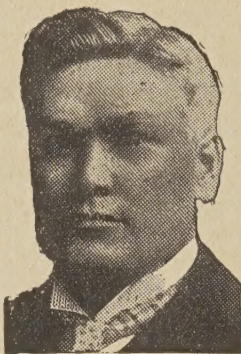
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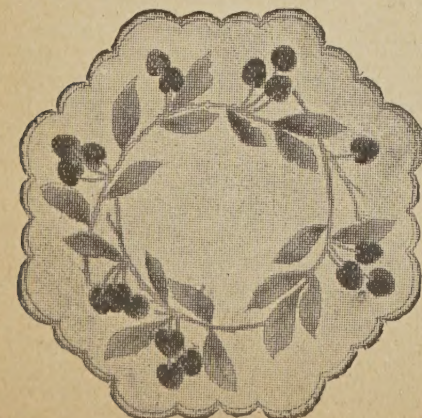
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"Respectfully."

"Oh, Lucy," cried Mrs. Horton, half-hysterically, "I cannot sign such a letter; I cannot indeed. Let it go unanswered."

"Just as you say," she replied, while a tigerish look of hatred and disdain arose to her usually pretty face. "Perhaps," she went on in a voice that required an effort to modulate, "it will be as well to dismiss all thought of Doctor Redfield. I am quite sure we shall never hear of him again."

Soon after, Mrs. Horton took her leave and, as she drove slowly homeward, she was glad that she had not signed that awful letter. She sighed as if a weight rested on her conscience. "I am truly glad," she said to herself, "that Lord Avondale will soon be with us."

Mrs. Osborn was provoked at her friend's lack of courage. After the departure of Mrs. Horton, she read Jack Redfield's letter again. Then she read the reply which she had prepared for Mrs. Horton to sign. "This letter ought to be sent," she observed, or I am no general." Dipping her pen in the ink, she paused a moment. Her courage failed her, and she laid down the pen. Unlocking a drawer of her escritoire, she took out a bundle of letters, and commenced reading. "Lenox, dear Lenox!" she murmured. "Yes, I will do it."

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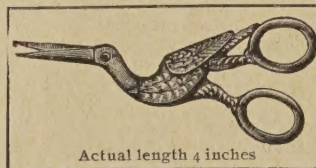
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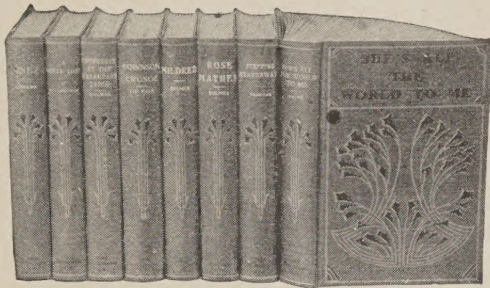
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